

PADSTOW PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.ANNUAL REPORT, 1951.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1951.

The Authority have not been fortunate enough to complete a full year with the services of Sanitary Inspector. Mr. Buller was unfortunately pronounced unfit for duty in November and has remained so until the present day. Temporary aid was arranged with the Padstow Urban District Council's Sanitary Inspector to deal with any matters particularly requiring his attention. In view of the very small amount of shipping using the Port this arrangement was considered adequate. Contact was made throughout the year with H.M. Customs Officer.

TABLE 1.Amount of Shipping Entering Port, 1951.

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>	<u>Number Inspected</u> <u>By Medical Sanitary</u> <u>Officer of Inspector.</u> <u>Health.</u>	<u>Number Reported</u> <u>To be</u> <u>Defective.</u>
<u>Coastwise.</u>				
Steamers.	12	1,361	11	-
Motor.	11	1,466	9	-
Sailing.	12		-	-
Fishing.	29		29	-
Foreign.	12	199	-	-

The 12 foreign ships relate to 12 French crabbers which by definition would appear to be foreign going vessels which received their certificate of pratique at Newlyn.

Passengers. No passengers embarked or disembarked during the year.

Water Supply.

Ten hydrants are established around the Port for the supply of water from the Padstow Urban District Council mains.

Port Health Regulations, 1943 and 1945.

Contact was regularly secured with the Customs Officer regarding the inspection of vessels entering the Port. There are no Mooring stations regulated under Article 10, nor provision for medical examination, cleansing and disinfecting of ships, persons, clothing etc. Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases and ambulance transport are those normally used throughout the County.

Infectious Diseases.

No infectious diseases were reported amongst crews.

Shell Fish.

Specimens taken from layings within the Authority's Area were submitted for bacteriological investigation. All were found to be heavily polluted. There is no information to suggest ~~that~~ shell fish from these layings are sold for human consumption. The Authority decided not to proceed further with orders under the Shell Fish Regulation Act.

Rodent Control. The Port is not an "Approved Port", and no certificates of de-ratification or exemption were issued. Following the "Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 (Application to Shipping)" the services of the Rodent Operative of the Joint Rodent Committee were made available to the Authority.

I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN REED.

Medical Officer of Health.